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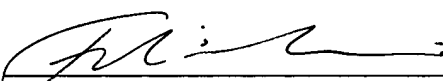
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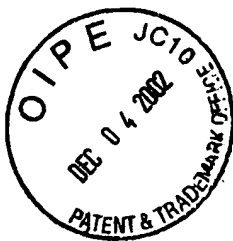
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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Dear Sir:

This is a response to the Office action mailed September 9, 2002. Please carefully consider the following remarks on the merits of the above referenced application.

REMARKS

Claims 133-165 are pending in the above-referenced application. Claims 133-165 stand rejected.

Claim Rejections - § 103

Claims 133-165 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 based on U.S. Patent No. 5,721,903 issued to Anand et al. ("Anand") in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,128,624 issued to Papierniak et al. ("Papierniak").

Claim 133 recites:

133. A method of generating one or more database systems, the method comprising:

providing a metadata system that includes a metadata schema, a facility for entering instructions into the metadata schema, and a facility for manipulating the metadata schema;

receiving instructions from a user, wherein the instructions are entered into the metadata schema and are used to create a business database system; and  
automatically generating the business database system according to the instructions contained in the metadata schema such that the business database system is well-formed.